

Dear Goddard Administrators,

Welcome to *GOLD*®! We are so happy that you have chosen to bring the power of *GOLD*® into your classroom. *GOLD*® is accessed through *MyTeachingStrategies*™ - our online platform for teaching, assessing, professional development, reporting, family engagement, and more!

Below are some helpful hints to help you be prepared to begin implementing *GOLD*® on July 5. Please review this information carefully, and if you have any questions, [please reach out to us here](#).

- **Update your FMS**

Your *MyTeachingStrategies*™ accounts are all populated through a link with FMS and will update each day, including *GOLD*® portfolios for each child in your program. It is imperative that you keep FMS updated to include all children, classes and teachers so that the data being transmitted is accurate. Please know that if your teachers, their email addresses, and their classes are not in FMS then your data load will fail. Due to the nightly data integration with FMS, there should be no need for you to ever add classes or children, and so long as you keep your teachers current in FMS with an email address, they, too, will update nightly.

- **Log in instructions for your teachers**

Each teacher in your school now has a *MyTeachingStrategies*™ account. To set up this account teachers must take the following steps:

1. Visit to [teachingstrategies.com](http://teachingstrategies.com).
2. Select "Login" in the upper right-hand corner.
3. Enter their username. *Please note:* Their username is the email address associated with their name in FMS. Enter the full email address on record.
4. Select "Forgot Password," found just below the username.
5. An email will be sent to the email account on record with a link to set up their own password. Teachers should select this link.
6. Once they have set up their password, they will have access to *MyTeachingStrategies*™ online and through the *MyTeachingStrategies*™ app, which can be [downloaded here for Apple devices](#).

Please know teachers will not be able to log in to the *MyTeachingStrategies*™ app until they have successfully logged in to the online version of *MyTeachingStrategies*™.

- **Download the *MyTeachingStrategies*™ app**

The *MyTeachingStrategies*™ app combines features that you've enjoyed from the *GOLD*® Documentation and the *tadpoles*® apps. You can now easily capture documentation on the go using the *MyTeachingStrategies*™ app on an Apple mobile device. As a *tadpoles*® user you can also use the app to communicate with families and simplify classroom operations and management. You can [download the new \*MyTeachingStrategies\*™ app for Apple devices here](#). The app will be available for Android devices soon!

Please make sure to successfully log in to the *MyTeachingStrategies*™ app before deleting the *GOLD*® Documentation and *tadpoles*® apps!

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## ***MyTeachingStrategies*™ Support and Resources**

On the dedicated [MyTeachingStrategies™ support page for Goddard](#) you'll find a wealth of resources to support your implementation, including how-to guides, step-by-step instructions, and video tutorials. To find these valuable resources, [click here](#) and enter "goddard" when prompted for a password.

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## ***Questions?***

We are here to offer you support, every step of the way. Please feel free to reach out to us at any time. For questions about your upgrade to *MyTeachingStrategies*™, [please fill out this form](#), and we'll be in touch right away.

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Over the next few weeks, you'll receive a weekly email with helpful tips that will support your implementation and ensure that you're comfortable using *MyTeachingStrategies*™.

Thank you for your partnership,  
Your Teaching Strategies team